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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Werner BLUMENSTOCK, Reiner PLAUM and Thomas TALANIS  
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE MAINTENANCE AND/OR  
REMOTE DIAGNOSIS OF AN AUTOMATION SYSTEM BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC  
MAIL  
Our Ref. Q63542

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including eighteen (18) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and three (3) sheets of drawings. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

Priority is claimed from October 21, 1998 based on DE Application No. 19848618.9. A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed with this filing.

The present application is being filed as a continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE99/03250, filed October 8, 1999, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. Of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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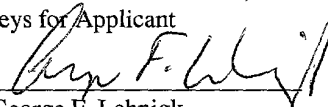
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**\$790.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$790.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, April 23, 2001, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority

Respectfully submitted,  
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